Cleaning up project for Sabarmati River

3844. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cleaning up project phase II for Sabarmati River has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) (a) to (c) No such project has been submitted under JNNURM. A project has been received by the National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD) under the Ministry of Environment & Forests from the Government of Gujarat for cleaning of Sabarmati River Phase-II at Ahmedabad. This project could not be considered due to budgetary constraints. The State Government of Gujarat was advised to explore the alternative sources of funding including external assistance for the said works.

Technology development of Indian languages

3845. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any website has been created for the technology development of Indian languages;

(b) the languages which have been included in the programmes;

(c) whether the Gujarati language has not been included in the programme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any request has been received from the State Government of Gujarat for inclusion of the Gujarati language in the programme; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The website is http://tdil.mit.gov.in.

(b) All 22 official Indian languages have been included in the programme.

(c) No. Sir. Gujarati language is included.

(d) and (f) Do not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

Representation on autonomy of TRAI

3846. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations on the autonomy and independence of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI);

(b) if so, the action taken on such representations;

(c) whether Government are aware that TRAI being self-governing body is giving presentations to high-level officials and Ministers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the subjects on which such representations have been given by TRAI during the last one year; and

(e) the steps the PMO is contemplating to ensure transparency by ensuring that action of regulatory authorities does not emanate due to the Ministry and is independent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the issues relating to recruitment/selection in Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) *vis-a-vis* its neutrality and fairness were raised in one representation. They were examined in details and it was found that the prescribed procedure for appointment/selection of official in TRAI as given in the TRAI (Officers and Staff Appointment) Regulation, 2001 is being followed by them.